SENATE BILL 547

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, relative to the state election commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

2-11-1__.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, if the majority party, as defined in § 2-1-104, changes as a result of the 2008 regular November election or any other regular November election occurring every four (4) years thereafter, then two (2) additional members from the majority party shall be temporarily added to the commission. The additional members shall meet the same qualifications and shall be appointed and elected in the same manner as other members of the commission. The two (2) additional members shall serve only until other commissioners' terms expire.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-11-102, is amended by deleting the period (.) at the end of the section and by adding the following language:

; provided, however that if two (2) additional members are added pursuant to this act then no more than three (3) members shall be from the same grand division.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.